Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR)



Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget

March 12, 2020

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Department of the Corporation Counsel FY2020 Organization Chart FTE

52 Attorneys, 40 Staff (excluding ETH)

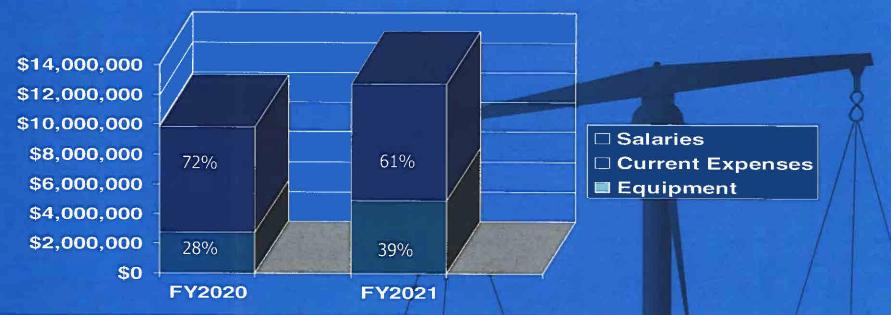
ADMINISTRATION 2 Attorneys, 6 Staff

ETHICS COMMISSION 3 Attorneys, 3 Staff

COUNSELING & DRAFTING (including Real Property Tax) 37 Attorneys, 22 Staff

LITIGATION (including Investigators) 13 Attorneys, 12 Staff

FY21 COR Expenditures by Character



	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Proposed Total Budget	Change	%
Salaries	\$7,083,936	\$ 7,835,946	+ 752,010	+10.6%
Current Expenses	\$2,728,329	\$ 4,913,895	+\$2,185,566	+80.1%
Equipment	0 /	0	0	
Total	\$9,812,265	\$12,749,841	+\$2,937,576	+29.9%

FY 21 COR Budget Highlights SALARIES

	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Proposed Total Budget	Change	%
Salaries	\$7,083,936	\$7,835,946	\$752,010	10.6%

MAJOR CHANGES FROM FY2020 BUDGET:

+\$299,988: Addition of 3 Deputy COR positions (1 new Litigation Division Deputy to address the increasing number of HPD civil rights cases which are expected to be litigated through trial; 1 new C&D Division—Infrastructure/Community Services Section Deputy to address increasing workload requirements related to DCS projects including projects to provide affordable housing and address homelessness; and 1 new C&D Division-Personnel/Public Safety Section Deputy to address increasing workload related to grievances involving UPW, SHOPO, HGEA and HFFA and related court cases, and Department and Agency Requests for Legal Services

+\$289,056: Base pay adjustments and collective bargaining increases

+\$215,446: Salary adjustments and merit increases for COR Deputies

-\$ 53,880: Transfer to the Provision for Vacant Positions increased to reflect total cost of vacant positions as of 2/1/20

FY 21 COR Budget Highlights CURRENT EXPENSES

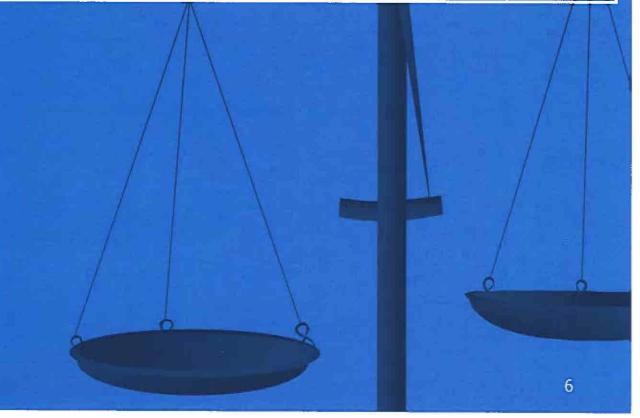
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MAJOR CHANGES FROM FY2020 BUDGET:

- +\$1,500,000: increase in Attorney fees for legal counsel for rail operations and maintenance
- +\$ 500,000: increase in COR Consultant Services (outside legal counsel and expert witnesses)
- +\$ 150,000: Rent of Offices to accommodate COR's growing workforce

FY21 COR Budget Highlights *EQUIPMENT*

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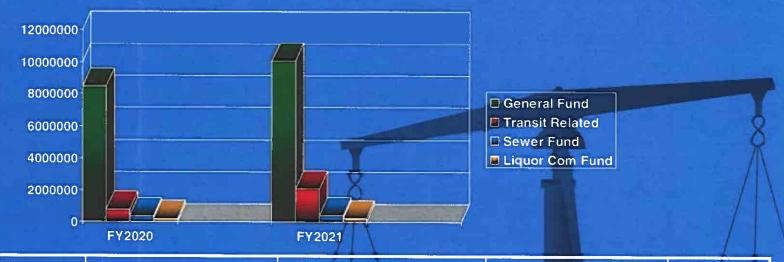
FY 2021 COR Budget Highlights

SPENDING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Department's expenditures that will make a difference -

- Efficiency. The filling of all authorized positions will promote expedient and efficient resolution of requests for legal services and legal proceedings. Hiring of experienced attorneys and participation by COR Deputies in training and development opportunities expands COR's knowledge base and allows COR to provide higher quality work-product on a consistent, cost-effective basis.
- <u>Cost Effective Engagement of Outside Legal Services</u>: Recent complex litigation has highlighted the need for COR to engage external counsel, especially in cases involving unique legal issues.

FY21 COR Expenditures by Fund



	FY2020 Appropriated	FY2021 Proposed Total Budget	Change	%
General Fund	\$8,468,752	\$10,073,892	+\$1,605,140	+19.0%
Transit Related	\$ 775,014	\$ 2,068,910	+\$1,293,896	+167%
Sewer Fund	\$ 367,966	\$ 391,791	+ \$23,825	+6.5%
Liquor Comm. Fund	\$ 200,533	\$ 215,248	+\$14,715	+7.3%
Total	\$9,812,265	\$12,749,841	+\$2,937,576	+29.9 %

Department of the Corporation Counsel General/Highway/Subsidized Funded Vacancies (Budgeted in Provision for Vacant Positions)

Vacant Positions as of 2/1/2020

<u>Disposition of funded vacancies:</u>
To be filled before July 1, 2020

To be filled in FY2021**

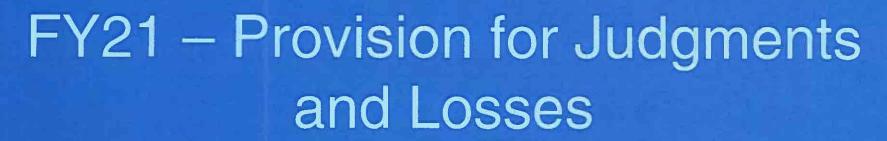
Positions

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^{**} Funding in the Provision for Vacant Positions account has been reduced



COR recommends Judgments and Losses in the amount of \$12,200,000 for FY 21

See, Bill 20 (2020), page 14.

